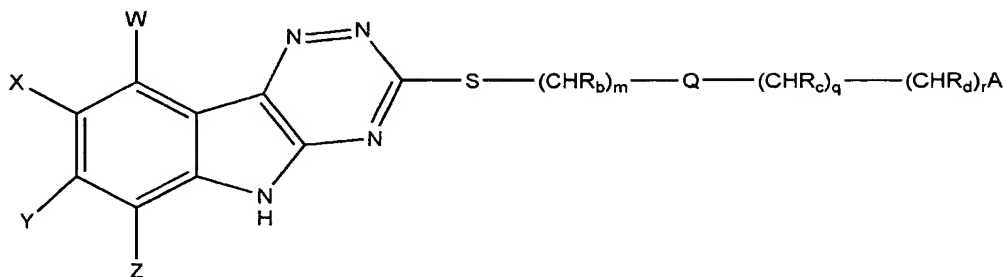


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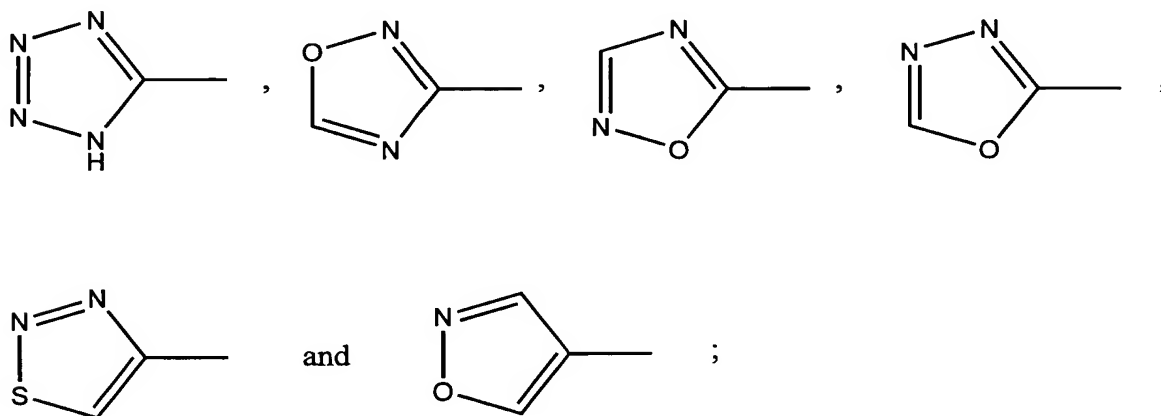
Please cancel claims 1-8.

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A compound having the formula:



wherein A represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, Q represents a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of  $-S-$ ,  $-(SO)-$ ,  $-(SO_2)-$  or a valence bond;  $R_b$ ,  $R_c$  and  $R_d$  independently represent H, alkyl ( $C_1-C_4$ ), substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or  $COOR$ , R being hydrogen or alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ); m is an integer from 0 to 6; and q and r are independently integers from 0 to 4; said phenyl substituents and the W, X, Y, and Z substituents being selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ), substituted or unsubstituted aryl ( $C_6-C_{15}$ ), substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl ( $C_7-C_{15}$ ), halogen,  $CF_3$ , CN, O-alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ), acyloxy ( $C_1-C_6$  acyl), S-alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ), SO-alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ),  $SO_2$ -alkyl ( $C_1-C_6$ ),  $NH_2SO_2$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHR'$ ,  $NR'R''$ , alkyl  $COOR'$ ,  $COOR'$ , alkyl  $CONR'R''$ ,  $CONR'R''$ ,



R' and R" being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>), and the isomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound.

10. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a solid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a liquid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

13. (New) A composition as claimed in claim 10, in dosage unit form comprising per unit about 0.1 to about 50 mg. of said compound.

14. (New) A method of treating mammalian cells in culture that are susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising administering to said cultures an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.

15. (New) A method for the in vitro treatment of biological material that is susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising treating said material with an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.